

Are You Walking the Walk?

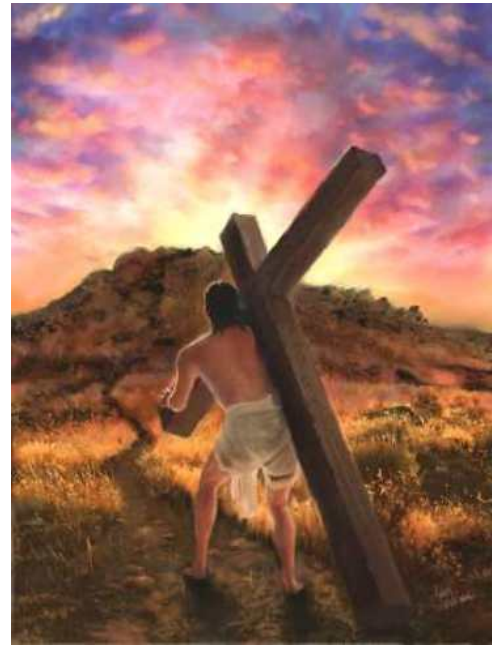
Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.

John 8:12 (KJV) 

There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

Romans 8:1 (KJV) 

Friends, are you walking in the light? Are you walking in the flesh or in the Spirit? Perhaps fifty percent of my articles end up in some way condemning the heretical doctrine of eternal security AKA 'Once Saved, Always Saved'. I don't plan it that way, it is just that no matter what point I am making from scripture the 'sidebar' story is if you disobey God you risk Hellfire.



Think for a moment of every doctrine, parable and commandment in God's Word. Are they suggestions? Are they open to being freely interpreted as we see fit? Think of every word of warning to the Christian. Walking in the light requires walking in obedience to God's Word. But the eternal security lie rips the spine out of scripture, and strips God of His ability to reject those who have abandoned their walk with Him. It is a license to sin.

But Peter said, Ananias, why hath Satan filled thine heart to lie to the Holy Ghost, and to keep back part of the price of the land? Whiles it remained, was it not thine own? and after it was sold, was it not in thine own power? why hast thou conceived this thing in thine heart? thou hast not lied unto men, but unto God. And Ananias hearing these words fell down, and gave up the ghost: and great fear came on all them that heard these things.

Acts 5:3-5 (KJV) 

As indicated by their actions Ananias and Sapphira believed they were above the reproach of God for their sins. That didn't work out so well for them. Do you actually believe that after they were struck dead by God for lying to the Holy Spirit they went skipping into Heaven? If so I have a bridge to sell you.

What Does Walking with Christ Mean?

And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this is the first commandment.

Mark 12:30 (KJV) 

Do you love God with all your heart, soul, mind and strength? Is He number one in your life? If not you are not worthy to be His servant. Don't believe it?

If any man come to me, and hate not his father, and mother, and wife, and children, and brethren, and sisters, yea, and his own life also, he cannot be my disciple.

Luke 14:26 (KJV) 

Are we really supposed to hate everyone else but our God? Yes we are. The word 'hate' as used in this context (Strong's G3404) means to love them less. To give God anything less than all we have is to rob Him of what

rightfully belongs to Him as our Master.

When we read this scripture without the aid of some theologian or scribe from a Freemason infiltrated seminary to spin it for us, what becomes clear as crystal is that Christians have been sold a discount salvation, a cheap reproduction.

This people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth, and honoureth me with their lips; but their heart is far from me.

Matthew 15:8 (KJV) , (Isaiah 29:13 KJV )

Biblical salvation requires a full commitment, not just a Sunday morning flapping of our lips; singing songs we do not mean and making promises we never intend to keep. Let me make it simple. Forgiveness of sins is reserved solely for those who are both sorry for and make a sincere effort to turn from them. God doesn't expect perfection, however He does expect us to repent as often as we sin.

We Must Endure to the End

Some who call themselves Christians like to use the thief on the cross to rationalize their dead faith. Let me explain. Was the thief of the cross saved? Of course he was. But what if that man had been pulled down from his cross at the last moment and pardoned? What if he didn't die that day but went on to live a fruitless life and 'fall away' from the faith?

Would he still have ended up in Paradise? Many will say yes, and in doing so contradict every teaching of scripture that commands us to 'work out our salvation with fear and trembling' (**Philippians 2:12 KJV **), 'endure to the end' (**Matthew 10:22 KJV **), 'fight the good fight' (**1 Timothy 6:12 KJV **) and to finish the race (**1 Corinthians 9:24-27 KJV **).

I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase.

1 Corinthians 3:6 (KJV) 

It was Jesus Himself who gave us the parable of the sower as an allegory for salvation. When a seed is planted does it turn to fruit the moment it hits the earth? No, it doesn't. It grows over time, or doesn't. Sometimes it springs up and withers away (**Luke 8:13 KJV **). That is how salvation works, it is a growth process. Is the seed good? Yes it is, but if it is not nurtured it will die from starvation.

Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles?

Matthew 7:16 (KJV) 

In the above verse who is doing the gathering? It is of course Christ who is the Lord of the Harvest (**Luke 10:2 KJV **). Will He gather the bad fruit, thorns or thistles? No, He will not.

Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.

Matthew 7:22-23 (KJV) 

Christ made it clear to us that not everyone who thinks they are 'saved' really are. That is a fact. It isn't works that save us, but having a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. It is the Holy Spirit who allows us to communicate with God; if He is not operational in our lives we are not saved.

